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CARACAS, JUNE 10 -- ON THE FINAL STOPOVER OF HER SEVEN-COUNTRY TOUR OF LATIN AMERICA, ROSALYNN CARTER WAS GREETED BY SENORA DE PEREZ, FIRST LADY OF VENEZUELA, FOREIGN MINISTER RAMON ESCOVAR AND SUNNY SKIES WHEN THE WHITE HOUSE PLANE PUT DOWN FRIDAY AFTERNOON AT MAIQUETIA AIRPORT.

DURING A BRIEF ARRIVAL CEREMONY BEFORE SOME THREE HUNDRED OFFICIALS AND VENEZUELAN NEWSMEN, FROM BOTH THE CAPITAL AND THE INTERIOR, MRS CARTER EXPRESSED HER HUSBAND'S GREETINGS TO THE PEOPLE
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OF VENEZUELA AND EMPHASIZED THAT VENEZUELA AND THE US "SHARE THE COMMON IDEALS OF DEMOCRACY AND FREEDOM AND HUMAN DIGNITY AND EQUALITY UNDER THE LAW." SHE PRAISED VENEZUELA AS A LEADER IN THE HEMISPHERE AND THE WORLD, ESPECIALLY AS AN INNOVATOR IN THE PROMOTION OF IMPORTANT INSTITUTIONS SUCH AS THE LATIN AMERICAN ECONOMIC SYSTEM WHICH SHE

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DESCRIBED AS A "CREATIVE WAY TO PROMOTE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT IN THE REGION". MRS CARTER, IN CLOSING HER REMARKS, INDICATED THAT SHE WOULD EMPHASIZE THE POINTS MADE IN HER HUSBAND'S PAN AMERICAN DAY SPEECH AT THE OAS IN WASHINGTON ON APRIL 14.

WITHIN THE NEXT THREE HOURS, THE US FIRST LADY MADE A STRONG BEGINNING ON HER TIGHT SCHEDULE IN VENEZUELA. ACCOMPANIED BY AMBASSADOR VIRON P VAKY, ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF STATE TERENCE TODMAN AND OTHER MEMBERS OF THE OFFICIAL PARTY, MRS. CARTER LAID A WREATH AT THE TOMB OF THE LIBERATOR SIMON BOLIVAR, IN THE NATIONA PANTHEON, AND PROCEEDED IMMEDIATELY TO THE MIRAFLORES PALACE FOR A SEVENTY-MINUTE CONVERSATION WITH THE PRESIDENT OF VENEZUEAL, CARLOS ANDRES PEREZ. SHORTLY AFTER HER DEPARTURE FROM MIRAFLORES, PRESIDENT PEREZ - IN A NEWS CONFERENCE FOR US CORRESPONDNETS TRAVELING WITH THE WHITE HOUSE PARTY -CHARACTERIZED HIS FIRST TALK WITH MRS CARTER AS AN OPEN AND FRANK DIALOGUE. HE ADDED THAT HE WAS GRATIFIED AT "MRS CARTER'S UNDERSTANDING OF THE ISSUES ... AND HER SPECIAL QUALITY OF FRANKNESS."

THE SATURDAY SCHEDULE FOR THE FIRST LADY INCLUDES A WORKING SESSION WITH THE VENEZUELAN FIRST LADY AND DIRECTORATES OF VARIOUS SOCIAL-SERVICE INSTITUTIONS SUCH AS THE CHILDRENS FOUNDATION AND THE FOUNDATION FOR COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT; A
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MEETING WITH REPRESENTATIVE LABOR UNION LEADERS; A RECEPTION TO MEET THE US RESIDENT COMMUNITY IN VENEZUELA; A PRESS CONFERENCE, AND A STATE DINNER OFFERED BY PRESIDENT CARLOS ANDRES PEREZ AND HIS WIFE.

MRS CARTER'S MID-DAY SUNDAY DEPARTURE FOR WASHINGTON WILL BE PRECEDED BY A SECOND MEETING WITH PRESIDENT PEREZ. END ITEM.
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